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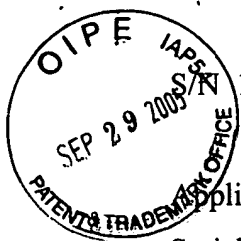
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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

The below is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 24, 2005:

In a Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the Response to the Restriction Requirement on June 6, 2005, the Applicants canceled claims 1-47 and added new claims 48-67. Claims 48-67 are currently pending in this application.

The Office Action states that the amendment filed on June 6, 2005 is non-responsive. The stated reasons are that the new claims 48-67 contain subject matter which is not disclosed as being part of the elected species of Figure 19E as originally claimed. The Office Action states that the elected specie 14 drawn to Figure 19E is specifically disclosed on page 31, paragraphs [00125] to [00127] and the Applicants stated in the Preliminary Amendment that the new claims are supported by paragraphs [0058] to [0061] on pages 11-12 and paragraphs [00121] to [00127]

on pages 30-31. It is further pointed out in the Office Action that the description in paragraphs [0058] to [0061] is directed to non-elected specie 1 (i.e., Fig. 1) and the description in paragraphs [00121] to [00127] is directed to non-elected specie 13 (i.e., Fig. 19D).

The Applicants respectfully disagree with the above. It is respectfully noted that claims 48-67 contain subject matter disclosed as being part of the elected species of Fig. 19E.

Regarding the new claims 48-67, the reason the Applicants have pointed to support in paragraphs [0058] to [0061] on pages 11-12 and paragraphs [00121] to [00127] on pages 30-31 of the specification for these claims is that the embodiment of Fig. 19E is specifically mentioned to include certain features of other embodiments. For example, as stated in paragraph [00125] on page 31, the jack assembly 1900-2 of Fig. 19E can include the features of jack assembly 1900-1 (Fig. 19D). As a further example, it is stated in the same paragraph that the jack assembly 1900-2 may include a shield structure 120-9 and the shield structure 120-9 includes the features discussed in relation to the shield structure 120 (Fig. 1). As yet a further example, in paragraph [00126] it is stated that many of the shield structures discussed in the specification can be used with the jack assembly 1900-2 to help reduce alien crosstalk.

Thus, since certain features of the embodiment of Fig. 19E are mentioned to include those of other embodiments (e.g., of Fig. 19D and of Fig. 1) and since those features are described in great detail with regards to those other embodiments in other paragraphs, the Applicants have pointed to support in paragraphs other than just paragraphs [00125] - [00127] on p. 31, which specifically discuss the embodiment of Fig. 19E. Otherwise, all of the claims 48-67 are fully supported by Fig. 19E itself and are readable on the elected species of Fig. 19E.

Reconsideration of the claims 48-67 is respectfully requested in view of the above.

The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at 612.336.4617 with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

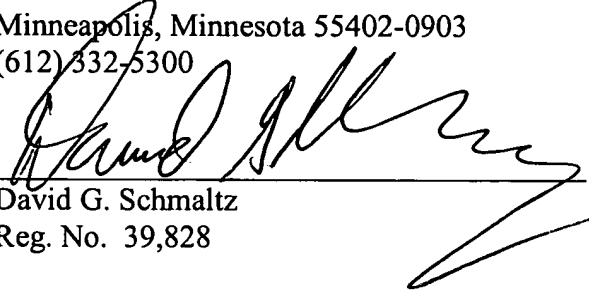
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